Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—It was published in the Gazette

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—There were interpellations to the Chairman of the Municipal Council. In the Proceedings of the Council we published it in the Gazette also.

President.—These allegations were made in a certain paper and were of a very serious condemnatory nature. Your question is whether any action has been taken against the manager of the paper, is it not ?

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—No. My question is why no explanation was called for from the Inspector who was in charge of the shed.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—I have asked the Chairman to make inquiries.

T. A. of officers who are empowered to fix their tour programme.

163. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state the amount of Travelling Allowance drawn by each of the officers who have power to fix the programme of their tours during the years 1102 and 1103 ?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—A statement containing the information available is appended. *(Vide Appendix III.)*

Grant of an extra allowance of Rs. 10 to the Head Accountant of the Excise Superintendent's Office.

164. Mr. K. J. Antony.—Will the Government be pleased to state for the information of the House :—

(a) whether an extra allowance of Rs. 10 per month is now given by the Excise Superintendent to the Head Accountant of his office against whom there has been and is still pending a serious charge of extraction and misappropriation of court-fee labels affixed to petitions received in the office ;

(b) the caste to which this Head Accountant of the Excise Superintendent's Office belongs ;

(c) the date on which the alleged misconduct of the said Head Accountant was brought to the notice of the Excise Superintendent ;

(d) whether the extra work for which the above said allowance of Rs. 10 is now given does not involve considerable trust and responsibility ; and

(e) why, in view of the seriousness of the charge referred to in (a), the Head Accountant of the Excise Superintendent's Office was entrusted with such work involving considerable trust and to extend to him the grant of the extra allowance particularly when the charge against him is pending disposal ?

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Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—(a) Yes.

(b) Brahmin.

(c) 24th March 1927.

(d) It involves trust and responsibilty just like in any other work.

(e) The extra work does not involve more trust and responsibility than the ordinary work of the Head Accountant which he has been doing.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—May I know the name of the Head Accountant ?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—Mr. Sangameswara Ayyar.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—May I know why he is given the extra allowance of Rs. 10 ?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—For the extra work that he does.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—May I know what extra work is done by him ?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—In connection with the maintenance of registers relating to opium and ganja and also records connected with the same.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—Is it done outside office hours ?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—At times.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—May I know whether the charge of extraction and misappropriation is still pending against him ?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—I have answered it, Sir.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—With regard to (c), may I know why it is still kept pending ?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—It is rather a difficult matter. So many registers and petitions had to be scrutinised and inquiry had to be conducted twice. The inquiry had to be completed and the matter is under consideration.

President.—It is two or three years since the charge was made.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—Why cannot he be placed under suspension ?

President.—Placing him under suspension won't prevent the delay in the conduct of the inquiry. No sufficient ground was found for his charge.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—May I know whether there was any recommendation to Government to suspend him ?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—No, Sir.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—Is he given this extra allowance because he applied for it and is it sanctioned by Government?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—Government did sanction it at the instance of the Superintendent of Excise.

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Mr. K. J. Antony.—And did he make a request or did the Superintendent of his own accord select him to this post?

President.—The Superintendent recommended that he may be given the allowance.

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—I recommended to the Government that he should be paid an extra allowance for this extra work.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—Who was selected when the Head Clerk was transferred to another post or when he went out of office ?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—The Head Accountant was selected.

President.—So this allowance was given to somebody previously.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—Is there any special reason to select this particular person for the Accountant's post ? Is there any other officer who has got a charge against him to be placed as Head Accountant ?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—I still considered, even with the existence of the charge against him, that he is qualified to do this extra work.

Inspectors in the Excise Department.

165. Mr. K. J. Antony.—Will the Government be pleased to inform the House:—

(1) the number of (i) Christian, (ii) Brahmin and (iii) Nayar Inspectors that there were in the Excise Department when the present Superintendent took charge of it, and the respective number of such Inspectors under each of the above castes on 1st Thulam 1104;

(2) whether there is any particular reason for increasing the number of Brahmins in this grade of service;

(3) whether the appointment of the Brahmin Inspector of Trichur, about which there were serious adverse criticisms in this House, was not made purely as a temporary measure; and

(5) why permanent and more satisfactory arrangements were not made till now to replace this Inspector of Trichur who, before his elevation in this post, was only an aminadar twice degraded?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—

(1)

		On 17th Medam 1099 when the present Superintendent took charge.	On 1st Thulam 1104.
1.	Christians	1	1
2.	Brahmins	4	6
3.	Nayars	2	nil

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